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Here is an enchanting glimpse of animal families at home. Mother Cat keeps her children clean and neat, and Mother Monkey checks very carefully the backs of her babies' ears. Mother Penguin searches for her chicks' favorite dinner, and Mother Bear teaches her cubs what is best to eat. If *I* were a mother, a child muses, that's exactly what I would do myself.

With engaging simplicity, the talented author and artist of *I SEE THE WINDS* portrays the characteristic habits of a dozen animal mothers and their babies. Kazue Mizumura's graceful pictures glow with affection and delicate color. They catch the spirit of her gentle story to perfection, and make her book a delight to the eye.

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To Diane who said,  
"Would you write a  
book just for me?"

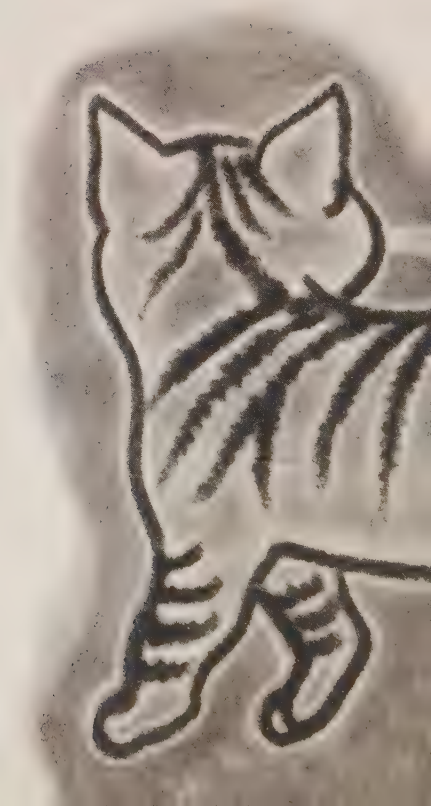
Like Mother Hen,  
I would wish to have  
many children  
and see them play  
around me.







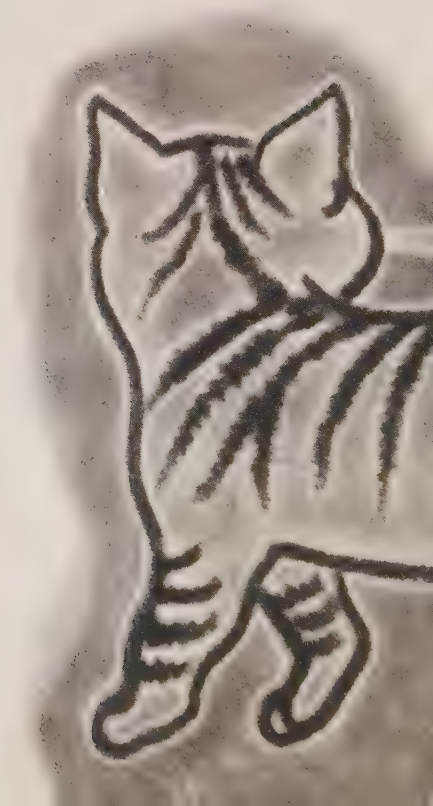
And like Mother Cat,  
with loving care  
I would keep them clean  
I would keep them neat.









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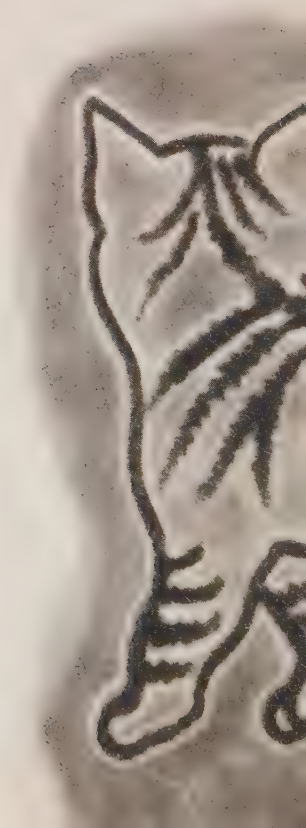


And what is more  
Like Mother Monkey,  
I would check very carefully  
the backs of their ears.





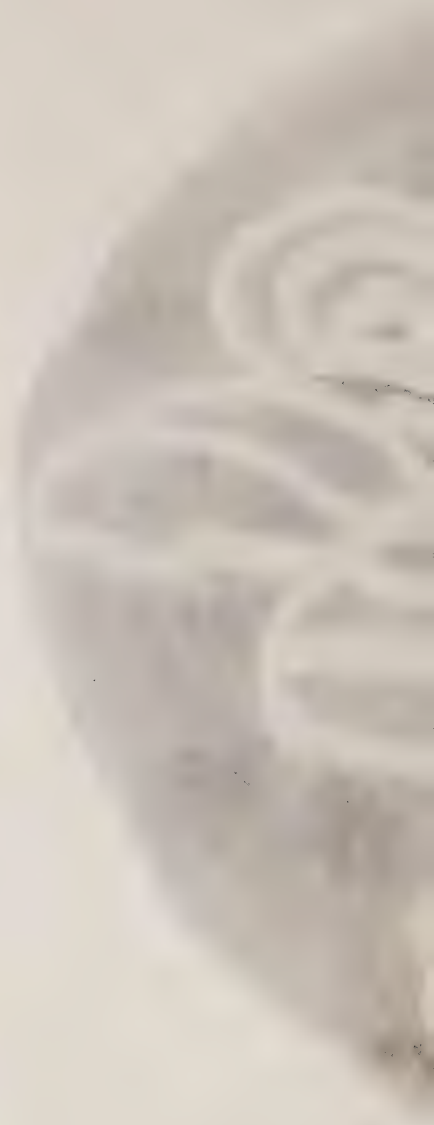
And like Mother Cat,  
with loving care  
I would keep them clean  
I would keep them neat.







Then like Mother Elephant,  
I would guide him  
to the right way  
that is often hard to follow.







Like Mother Penguin,  
I would look for  
their favorite dinner  
while my children were  
in school.





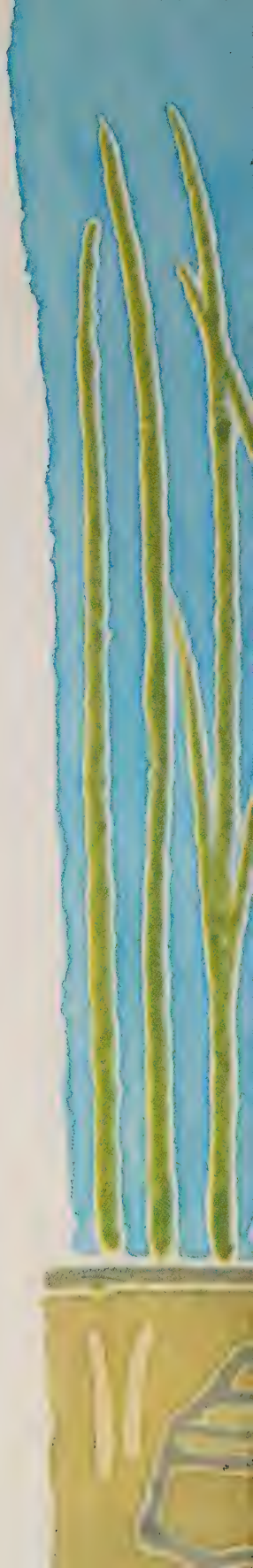


Like Mother Bear,  
I would teach them  
what to eat  
and how to eat,  
for food should  
not always be sweet.





Like Mother Lion,  
I would train my children  
not to cry over a scratch  
or a hurt,  
and cheer them on to be  
brave and strong.









Yet, like Mother Skunk,  
I would dare to fight for  
my children  
against all harm.





Sometimes, like Mother Goose,  
I would take a long trip.  
It would be fun  
just following the sun  
with all my family.











Or like Mother Beaver,  
I would build a house  
by the lake  
for my children's sake,  
to enjoy camping  
all year around.



There are many ways  
of being a mother.  
But most of all  
if I were a mother  
I would like to be  
just like my mother.





## ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND THE ARTIST

Kazue Mizumura is well known as an illustrator and jacket artist for both children's and adult books. Her busy life also includes Japanese brush drawing and preparing advertising layouts.

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